

SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

This agreement made and entered into between the Executive Branch Ethics Commission (hereinafter the "Commission") and Paul Blanton.

WHEREAS, this agreement involves the matter styled *Executive Branch Ethics Commission v. Paul Blanton*, Case No. 08-012;

WHEREAS, the Commission is designated by statute as the agency responsible for enforcing the Executive Branch Code of Ethics, KRS Chapter 11A;

WHEREAS, on September 26, 2008, the Commission alleged facts in an Initiating Order that Paul Blanton violated the Executive Branch Code of Ethics at KRS 11A.040 (7) and (9);

WHEREAS, Paul Blanton was at all relevant times mentioned in the Initiating Order a "public servant" as defined in KRS 11A.010(9) until his resignation effective April 15, 2007, and thus is subject to the Executive Branch Code of Ethics; and

WHEREAS, Paul Blanton indicates his desire to resolve all issues in this action by the execution of a Settlement Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, in settlement of the above allegations, the Commission and Paul Blanton agree, pursuant to KRS 11A.100, as follows:

1. Paul Blanton admits that he committed violations of the Executive Branch Code of Ethics at KRS 11A.040 (7) and (9) as stated in the Commission's Initiating Order of September 26, 2008.

2. Paul Blanton agrees to pay the Commission a civil penalty of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) on or before February 27, 2009.

3. Paul Blanton agrees that upon a Final Order being issued by the Commission that he waives all rights to any further administrative process or appeal pursuant to KRS 13B.140 thereon.

4. The parties further agree that the acceptance of this Settlement Agreement by both parties, and the fulfillment of its express terms, is in full accord and satisfaction of the herein referenced *Executive Branch Ethics Commission v. Paul Blanton*, Agency Case No. 08-012.


5. This Settlement Agreement constitutes a public reprimand to Paul Blanton, a copy of which will be provided to his former appointing authority pursuant to KRS 11A.100(3)(c).

IN WITNESS THEREOF, the parties have caused this agreement to be executed:



Paul Blanton

12/17/2008
Date

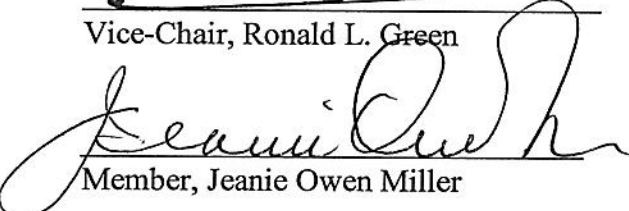
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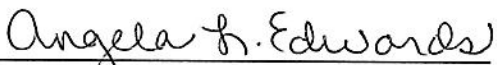
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Vice-Chair, Ronald L. Green

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Member, Jeanie Owen Miller

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Member, Angela Edwards

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Member, Nicholas Patrick Cambron

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